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Application. No.: 10/673,786
Filing Date: September 30, 2003
Atty. Docket No. US-115
Title: Method for Producing L-Threonine Using Bacterium
Belonging to the Genus Escherichia

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. Please find enclosed:

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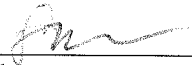
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